

As part of the DTV Transition review, the FCC should mandate service area replication as well as pass through of the network HDTV feeds. Without either, the transition will be significantly dampened in some cases.

A good example is KDLT-DT. I live in a third floor apartment that has a good view of their tower. Yet, it is very difficult for me to receive their Low Power (STA) signal using traditional rabbit ears. When I am able to receive their signal, I still am unable to receive the benefits of the network HDTV signal. If I have difficulty with reception, I know that others without the benefit of a third floor apartment or expensive antenna will have significant problems with reception.

I am able to receive the other Full power HDTV signals in the market quite well, and they do rebroadcast the network HDTV signals creating a worthwhile viewing opportunity. That encourages me to upgrade to a new HDTV set.

Service area replication and Network feed pass-through should be mandated to encourage consumers to upgrade and speed the transition rather than frustrate and alienate them.